1	2	3
24	Nanded	63
25	Parbhani	94
	SUB-TOTAL	343
	(GM Kalyan)	
26	Thane	0
	(GM Kolhapur)	
27	Kolhapur	27
	(GM Nagpur)	
28	Nappur	35
	(GM Pune)	
29	Pune	76
	TOTAL	1170

Postal services in Maharashtra

867. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all villages and important towns in Maharashtra have been provided with postal services;

(b) if not, the number of villages and towns separately where postal services are yet to be provided and the number of villages and towns where postal services have been provided; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase such services in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The postal facilities are being extended by opening of new post offices under Plan scheme progressively. During the first two years of the Eighth five Year Plan, 142 extra departmental branch post offices and 39 departmental sub post offices have been sanctioned in Maharashtra.

Improvement in communication system in Maharashtra

868. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMINICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plants to improve the telephone, post and telegraph services in Maharashtra with modern facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this improvement is expected to be completed and the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Telephones*

(i) As per objectives of 8th Five year Plan, All MAX III, MAX II (LF Type) and life expired electro-mechanical exchanges are planned to be replaced by electronic exchanges.

(ii) Computerised truk manual exchanges are planned at Pune and Ratnagiri.

Telegraphs

Plan for modernisation of telegraph service for Maharashtra are already drawn and major part has already been implemented as detailed in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

Postal

The main objective of the successive Five Year Plans of the Department is to improve the Postal Services all over the country by extending basic communication facilities where they do not exist and to upgrade exisiting facilities, subject to availability of resources.

(c) *Telephones*

(i) All manual exchanges are already replaced by Automatic exchanges.

(ii) 1002 Nos. of MAN III exchanges are already replaced by electronic exchanges (Since 1-4-90 to 30-9-94).

(iii) Balance objectives will be achieved by the end of 8th five year plan subject to availability of sufficient funds and supply of equipment in time. Amount earmarked is approximately Rs. 468 crores for 1994-95 for capital works.

Telegraphs

Implementation of the remaining part of the modernisation plan is expected to be completed by the end of 8th Five Year Plan and the proposed amount earmarked is Rs. 4 crores.

Postal

A programme for modernising Post Offices through supply of computers for counter operations have been initiated and so far 192 PC based multipurpose counter machines have been installed in Maharashtra Circle in 78 Post Offices.

A focussed programme for modernising selected post offiices which have already been supplied with multipurpose counter machines has already been initiated in 5 Post Offices in Maharashtra Circle. out of the total target of 53 Post Offices to be modernised in the current year in the country. The Total cost of this project scheduled for completion by 31-3-95 is estimated to be Rs. 21 lakhs. In respect of mail processing, a number of measures have been introduced in Maharashtra Circle which include:—

(i) Setting up of an automated mail processing plant at Bombay for expeditious handling of mails.

(ii) Speeding up the transmission of various segments of mail traffic by the introduction of metro channel, business channel, green channel and express parcel services.

Statement

Equipment	Already working	Under installation/ proposed.
1	2	3
I. *Message Switches*		
(i) 128 Lines	Bombay (2)	..
(ii) 64 Lines	Pune Nagpur	..

1	2	3
(iii) 32 lines	Solapur	Aurangabad
		Kolhapur
2. Message	Bombay (2)	Akola
Coneentrators	Pune	Ahmed Bazar
	Nagpur	Aurangabad
	Nasik	Jalgaon
		Kolhapur
		Solapur
3. Phonogram Concentrators . . .	Bombay (3)	..
	Pune	
	Nagpur	
4. Formatted Terminals	144	416
5. Electronic Key Board Contractors . .	39	10
6. Electronic Key Board Terminals . . .	247	402
7. Bureaufax Centres	90	30

गुजरात में टैलेक्स और फैक्स सुविधाएं

869. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात राज्य के किन-किन मुख्यालयों में जिला प्रशासन को टेलेक्स और फैक्स सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं; और

(ख) राज्य के सभी जिला मुख्यालयों को यह सुविधा कब तक प्रदान कर दिए जाने की योजना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार को प्रदान किए टैलेक्स और फैक्स कनेक्शनों का कोई पृथक रिकार्ड नहीं रखा जाता । राज्य सरकार को टैलेक्स कनेक्शन उनकी विशेष मांग होने पर, अन्य ग्राहकों की भांति ही प्रदान किए जाते हैं बशर्ते कि उपस्कर उपलब्ध हो । दूरसंचार विभाग किसी भी उपभोक्ता को फैक्स मशीनें प्रदान नहीं करता, तथापि, विशेष अनुरोध होने पर ऐसी सुविधा के प्रयोग की अनुमति प्रदान कर दी जाती है ।

गुजरात राज्य में सभी जिला मुख्यालयों में टैलैक्स तथा फैक्स सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं ।

गुजरात और राजस्थान में स्पीड पोस्ट और एस०टी०डी० सेवा

870. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात और राजस्थान के किन-किन जिला-मुख्यालयों में अब तक स्पीड पोस्ट सेवाएं और उपभोक्ता ट्रंक डायलिंग (एस०टी०डी०) की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को राज्य में स्पीड पोस्ट सेवा के माध्यम से पत्रों/पैकेटों के वितरण में विलंब होने या उनके